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The Carillon

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The LORD
lifts up
those who are
bowed down:
the LORD
loves
the righteous.

Psalm 146:8



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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship
11:00 am - Fellowship
11:30 am - Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Save the Date: Summer Aire Returns



Summer Aire is back.

The 2022 production is — "**A Show on Shows**" — a selection of music from Broadway shows including Show Boat, Phantom of the Opera, and The Greatest Showman.

Save the date for Summer Aire, happening on **Sunday, September 11** in the Sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church of Everett. The show begins at **3 p.m.** Ice cream social to follow.



Adult Sunday School: The Dead Sea Scrolls

The current Adult Sunday School Class at FPCE is based on the Teaching Company lecture series, *The Dead Sea Scrolls*. This class is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered beginning in 1947, near the site of Qumran, an ancient Jewish religious community on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. The Qumran community was active from the 2nd century BC into the 1st century AD, until about the time of the destruction of the second temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. The Qumran community was deeply pious and steeped in scripture and other religious literature, much of which was preserved in caves in the cliffs above Qumran.

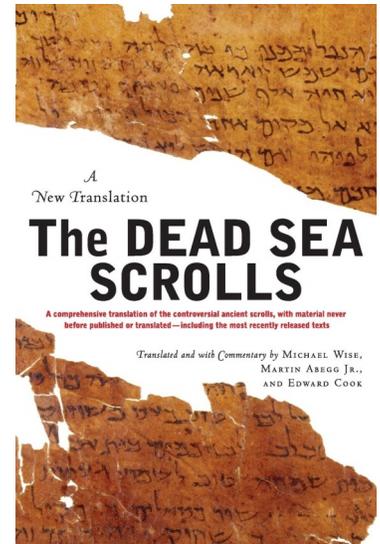
These are the oldest known copies of most of the books of the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament. The Dead Sea Scrolls also include many ancient Jewish writings that were previously unknown. The Dead Sea Scrolls are a window into the life of a particular Jewish sect, the Essenes, about which very little was known before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Particularly exciting for Christians is that the Qumran community was active and thriving in the same period that saw the birth of Christianity.

There are many similarities in thought and piety between the Qumran community and the early church, as well some marked differences (the Qumran community were not followers of Jesus).

The Dead Sea Scrolls are also a window into the variety of Jewish beliefs and practices that were present during Jesus' ministry on earth. Just as we found in our recent course on "lost Christianities," there were many varieties of Jewish thought, belief, and practice at the time of the early church, most of which have faded in influence, if not disappeared.

The Professor for *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, Dr. Gary Rendsburg, is a leader in Dead Sea Scrolls scholarship. He has an obvious love and passion for his subject, which adds greatly to the enjoyability of the course. I can think of no better way, barring becoming a scholar of ancient Hebrew, to gain a deep knowledge and understanding of the Jewish roots of Christianity than to participate in this class. As with all the Teaching Company courses, there is no requirement for preparation for the classes, and you can drop in on any lecture at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.

Join us for Adult Sunday School, in-person or online, Sundays at 11:30 a.m. See your Sunday worship guide for Zoom meeting details.



Presbyterian Women

All Women of the Church: Please join us Saturday, September 17 at 11 a.m. for a Presbyterian Women Kickoff.

Let's re-connect and get to know each other a little better, all while enjoying a delicious lunch. We'll also have some fun with a take home project.

How to RSVP:

- Sign up at the welcome booth
- Contact Debbie Roberts
- Let any PW Board member know you are coming!



Friends are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Debbie Roberts, Leslie Sutin, Linda Bloom, Sonya Beardsley, Shirley Newman, Jan Weakley, Judy Hutchison

Presbyterian Women Dorcas Circle

If you've been thinking about joining a women's bible study but just haven't yet, now's your chance.

Dorcas Circle is planning a return this fall. We will meet one evening a month and focus our study on the Horizons Bible Study: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

Please feel free to talk to Debbie Roberts or Leslie Sutin with any questions. Please let us know if you are interested so we can finalize details and make sure we have enough books.



Library Update - September 2022

Read. Pray. Love. In June we featured a variety of Bible translations to support the **Read** portion of our yearlong stewardship theme. For suggested summer reading, we turned to the second term: **Pray**. In September we conclude with **Love**.

For those who wish to pursue this theme in literature, our shelves offer a variety of classic and modern texts accessible any time the church building is open. Whenever possible, I am also happy to meet you to locate titles or to set them aside for you.

Providentially, our newest book, ready to process and add to the collection, is tailor made for the Stewardship theme. Michael Curry, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has recently authored *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* (c2020). Far from a saccharine collection of good ideas about love, Curry's narrative builds on practical questions he has fielded on speaking tours. His answers offer concrete examples of love in action in his own recent ministry.

In a section entitled "Love as God's GPS for Living" Curry writes, "After Paul reminds the AD 50 Facebookers what love looks like, he then comes out with ... words that would fit nicely in a tweet: 'And now faith, hope and love abide...and the greatest of these is love.'" Should sound familiar at least to this summer's I Corinthians Bible scholars!

His denomination, like ours, has recently wrestled with those weighty controversial questions that leave schism as an ever-present threat. His text shows how love is indeed the answer for the faithful work of effective evangelism, racial reconciliation, and care of God's creation. Sometimes hearing how other fellowships have dealt with these challenges in love points the way for us as Presbyterians.

Curry's book is just one of many. A few other classic or recent titles you may have missed:

C. S. Lewis	<i>The Four Loves</i>	241 Lew
Bruce S. Feiler	<i>The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us</i>	222.1109 Fei
John Indermark	<i>The Greatest of These: Biblical Moorings of Love</i>	241.4 Ind
Kennedy Odede...	<i>Find Me Unafraid: Love, Loss & Hope in an African Slum</i>	266 Ode

For help in locating these or other titles on love - or any other topic of your choice - please contact me by phone or email.

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Priscilla Circle will resume meeting this fall on Monday, September 12 at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. This year's study book honors the Sabbath and covers both the old and new testaments. Judy Campbell will serve as hostess. All women are welcome. Those who wish may bring a lunch.

Fourth Monday Book Group - September 2022

Fourth Monday Book Group closes out summer and moves into fall still benefitting from—and limited by—the ubiquitous Zoom platform. Moving forward we will need decisions regarding book choices for November and the months to follow. Your insights and ideas are welcome!

For now, our commitment to variety and quality continues with a previously announced historical fiction title followed by the memoir listed below. The September title, *The Seed Keeper*, was chosen before the *Daily Herald* featured its 3-part series on the history and culture of local indigenous citizens. The *Herald's* choice confirms the importance of the topic.

September 26 **The Seed Keeper** Diane Wilson Leader - TBA

Rooted in history, botany, and the lives of Indigenous women, this novel adds a new dimension to our year's reading. From the back cover: "With compelling characters and images... *The Seed Keeper* invokes the strength that women, land, and plants have shared with one another through the generations." Linda LeGarde Grover adds: "A gracefully told story of continuity through seeds saved and nurtured by Dakota women, *The Seed Keeper* is lush and sustaining - a read that feeds heart and spirit in the same way as do the gardens that are their legacy."

October 24 **Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir** Marie Yovanovitch Leader - TBA

Raised by Russian immigrant parents in Connecticut where her father taught high school, Marie (Masha) Yovanovitch, grew up loving both the outdoors and reading, especially Narnia-like stories, although often feeling like an outsider just trying to fit in. After graduating as a history major from Princeton, she registered for a 3-month Russian language program in Moscow. Back in the United States, she ultimately signed up for the Foreign Service in order to "follow foreign affairs, serve as a non-partisan professional, and make the world a better place." Her work led to posts in Somalia, the United Kingdom, Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia, with a return to Kyiv as ambassador shortly before war broke out.

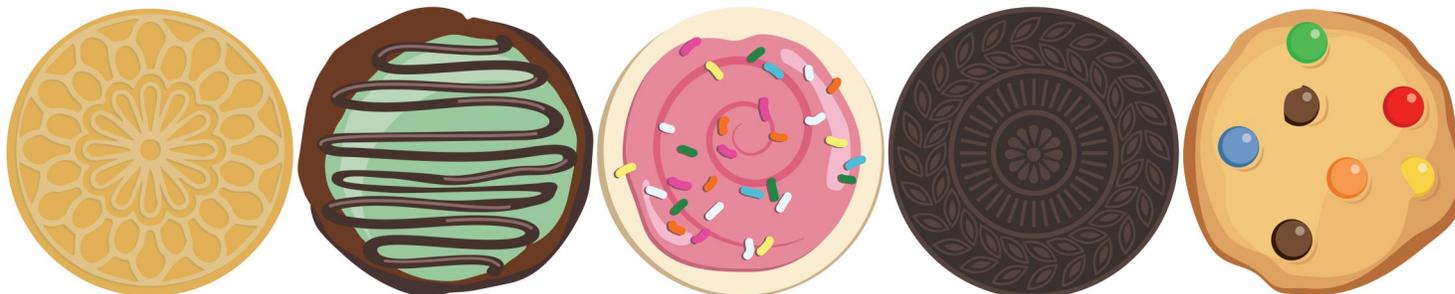
Her personal story offers a backstage glimpse of daily life in the Foreign Service. Notable are her passion for the equal treatment of women, the challenge of adjusting to presidential turnovers, and the pleasures of travel with its surprises and cultural opportunities. Yovanovitch's writing is straightforward, enhanced by historic photographs and a map showing the regions where she served for some four decades. From the epilogue: "History is a double-edged sword.... Ultimately what we do with history's lessons is up to us."

To take part in book group discussions, sign in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the dates listed above. Watch your email for the Zoom link. New participants are always welcome.

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after
the death of a spouse, child,
family member, or friend.

Sundays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

September 18 - December 11, 2022

Madison Community Church

6900 Wetmore Ave, Everett, 98203

office@madisoncc.org 425-353-2293

One time \$25 fee for participant book & registration

To register go to griefshare.org



A Litany “In Thanks to God for Hands” by Pastor Bob Nicholson

(Note: the Biblical meaning of the word liturgy: it is the merger of two words “laos” = people + “ergos” = work. Therefore the meaning is, “the work of the peoples hands” in all areas of their lives. In both the holy place at worship and in all the common places of daily life, including home, hospital, office shop, parking lot, school, business, voting booth, and in leisure).

For hands that work and hands that create, for hands that serve and hands that wait

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

For hands that plant and hands that weed, for hands sowing love, in word and in deed

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

For hands that serve food and hands that write notes, for hands that bring comfort and hands that lift hopes

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

For hands joined in love and hands folded in prayer, for hands reaching out, always eager to share

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

For the hands of our children, their art and their play, for poems they write and the prayers that they say

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

For hands that bring healing and hands that bring hope, for hands that show others a new way to cope

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

For hands that make phone calls and hands that paint walls, for hands leading music, for hands great and small

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR HANDS

. For the bread from wheat fields, the grape from the vines, the hands that work these fields
providing gifts of our times

THANK YOU GOD, FOR HANDS

Amen



A Letter from Ryan and Alethia White: August 10, 2022

Dear friends and supporters,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the summer wherever you are. While summer brings a welcome change of pace for our family with our daughters on break from school and many of our regional partners taking their holidays, it has otherwise been a full year so far for us, and similar plans are already building for the coming months.

Originally, we had sent out our plans for a virtual Interpretation Assignment during this past spring, but those plans did not go exactly as we had hoped, given the war in Ukraine, which demanded much of our attention as we worked to assist our colleagues and regional partners in their response to the situation. We are very grateful for the time we did get to spend virtually with some of you and apologize that our original plans for a mini-series and such did not get off the ground. Hopefully, we can revisit some of those ideas in the near future. And we would like to offer our availability for virtual visits and meetings at any time. We are also pleased to make these connections with you all, and it is something that gives us energy and hope.



Ukrainian green field under white and blue clouds during the daytime. Photo by Kostiantyn Stupak. Found

In the past communications, you may have gathered that our responsibilities have been shifting since the pandemic began, and we are happy to announce that we have officially accepted the joint position of co-regional liaisons for Northern and Central Europe. Although Ryan is still working with the church in Berlin to ensure a smooth transition for them, we have been very excited to expand our connections with PC(USA)'s regional partners, which include the Church of Scotland, Kerk in Actie (Church in Action) in the Netherlands, the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren in the Czech Republic, the Reformed Church in Hungary, various church organizations in the UK and Germany, as well as expanding partnerships throughout the region. These partners, especially in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and other countries bordering Ukraine, worked with PC(USA) through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to provide emergency funding for Ukraine. PDA continues to remain in contact with them as the war between Russia and Ukraine continues to evolve.

As part of our regional role, one of us will be traveling to the World Council of Churches General Assembly, held this fall in Germany. We look forward to welcoming the PC(USA) delegation to Germany for this event, and part of our role will be to support them as we take part in the assembly.

Another exciting development is that after much planning and discussion, we are looking forward to welcoming two volunteers from the U.S. to Berlin to work with two different parish communities in partnership with Berliner Missionswerk (Berlin Mission), the mission agency of the Protestant Church of Berlin. This project has been a long time in planning, and our ecumenical partner and we are very happy to get to know the two volunteers who will arrive in September. They will spend 10 months involved in many aspects of their respective parish communities, which include working with various social projects to support the neighborhood and parish. Alethia will continue liaising with Berliner Missionswerk and PC(USA) to support the volunteers in this new endeavor. We hope this is the start of an annual program for volunteers through PC(USA) and Berliner Missionswerk.

We look forward to bringing you more of these updates as these projects progress in the coming months. There are many issues to pay attention to. Still, we are inspired by the experience and attitudes of our partners and the many ways they collaborate throughout Europe and abroad to address pressing issues such as migrant rights and solidarity, racism, environmental justice, young adult involvement and congregational vitality. It is an honor for us to be part of these conversations together.

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This next year marks 10 years since we began our service with PC(USA), and we are deeply appreciative and humbled by the fact that so many of you have continued to support us and be in close communication through the ups and downs. Your role is imperative, and we are thankful for you!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen (with heartfelt greetings) and hope for the days ahead,

Alethia and Ryan

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Individuals: [Give](#) to E132192 in honor of Ryan and Alethia White's ministry

Congregations: Give to D500115 in honor of Ryan and Alethia White's ministry Churches are asked to send donations through your congregation's normal receiving site (this is usually your presbytery)



"Stop War" sign held during a protest in Ukraine. Photo by Mathias Reding. Found on Pexels.

Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above

A stylized, colorful illustration of King Solomon. He is depicted from the chest up, facing slightly to the left. He has a full, dark beard and mustache. He is wearing a golden crown with several yellow and blue spikes. His robe is multi-colored, featuring shades of red, purple, blue, and green. The background is plain white.

Answer: G (See 1 Kings 4:29-34.)

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

Anniversaries:

- 9/1 Christopher & Danielle Roberts
- 9/7 Lin & Mary Davis
- 9/13 Jeff & Doreen Solberg
- 9/19 Randy & Debbie Roberts
- 9/27 Clayton & Kami Erickson

Birthdays:

- 9/2 Rob Sutin
- 9/6 Janet Kelly
- 9/7 Marilyn Larsen
- 9/10 Mary Davis
- 9/11 Marilyn Minch
- 9/13 Marne Larson
- 9/14 Mary Lou Finley
- 9/14 Michael Goza
- 9/17 Beverly Brandt
- 9/19 Christopher Roberts
- 9/20 Sharon Danitschek
- 9/20 Steve Torrence
- 9/21 Alan Dorway
- 9/22 Kami Erickson
- 9/23 Carol Gresham
- 9/24 Dale Good
- 9/24 Jeffrey Smith
- 9/29 Danielle Fowler

Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to: sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

September 8, 2022

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

September 11, 2022

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY
5:00PM ON DUE DATE.**

FPCE

VOA FOOD COLLECTION

First Sundays:
Bring Donations to
Sunday Worship



Dinner at the Bell Update by Jay Kuhnenn

Though I've been on the disabled list for a month, there have been no reports of concerns. We continue to serve between 90 and 100 guests every week.

The following is a note from one of our guests. It explains better than I can, why Dinner at the Bell is so valuable to our community.



7-13-22

To Whom it may concern- I've been homeless for 2 years and this is my first time eating a meal here. I wish I had known about this when my kids and I were desperate for a hot meal! But thank God for each and every one of you! Sorry about how rowdy and ungrateful everyone seems! Not I!

Bless each and every one of you! Meagan

p.s. w/Love Meagan

These words should be inspiring to know that even when it seems that things are so chaotic, we still can reach people in their time of need. I say thank you Meagan for taking the time to jot this note on our table marker.

CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair

What do the numbers on plastic mean?

Those number symbols on plastic were not created for recycling! They were started by the Society of Plastics Industry (SPI) to simply identify the plastic resin content, not to identify for recycling. Maybe that's why some of the numbers are so hard to see! Here are the seven standard classifications for plastics. (Picture the triangle symbol around the numbers.) **Be sure to follow your local recycling company's guidelines for which plastics they accept. It can vary widely.**

#1 PETE or PET (polyethylene terephthalate). Used in microwavable food trays; salad dressing, soft drink, water, and beer bottles. Hard to clean; absorbs bacteria and flavors; avoid reusing. Is recycled to make carpet, furniture, new containers, polar fleece.

#2 HDPE (high-density polyethylene). Used in household cleaner and shampoo bottles, milk jugs, yogurt tubs. Transmits no known chemicals into food. Is recycled to make detergent bottles, fencing, floor tiles, pens.

#3 V or PVC (vinyl). Used in cooking oil bottles, clear food packaging, mouthwash bottles. Is believed to contain phthalates that interfere with hormonal development; avoid. Is recycled to make cables, mudflaps, paneling, roadway gutters.

#4 LDPE (low-density polyethylene). Used in bread and shopping bags, carpet, clothing, furniture. Transmits no known chemicals into food. Is recycled to make envelopes, floor tiles, lumber, trash-can liners.

#5 PP (polypropylene). Used in ketchup bottles, medicine and syrup bottles, drinking straws. Transmits no known chemicals into food. Is recycled to make battery cables, brooms, ice scrapers, rakes.

#6 PS (polystyrene). Used in disposable cups and plates, egg cartons, takeout containers. Is believed to leach styrene, a possible human carcinogen, into food; avoid. Is recycled to make foam packaging, insulation, light switch plates, rulers.

#7 Other (miscellaneous). Used in 3- and 5-gallon water jugs, nylon, some food containers. Contains bisphenol A, which has been linked to heart disease and obesity; avoid. Is recycled to make custom-made products. *Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac*

Special Days

Sept. 4 is ***National Wildlife Day***. Sept. 7 is ***Int'l Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies***. Sept. 15 is ***Green Peace Day***. Sept. 16 is ***Int'l Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer***. Sept. 17 is ***Int'l Coastal Cleanup Day***. Sept. 18 is ***World Water Monitoring Day***. Sept. 24 is ***National Public Lands Day***. Sept. 29 is ***Int'l Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste Reduction***.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us – Part of the fun of the Mother of All Garage Sales (Reusing! Recycling!) recently in North Everett was enjoying the charming, historic architecture and beautiful landscaping along the way. It's easy to miss much of it just driving through. Take a walk, or a slow drive if not impeding traffic, and appreciate Everett's lovely neighborhoods.

"Autumn ... the year's last, loveliest smile." - William Cullen Bryant

POVERTY 101: October 1, 2022 — 9:00am – 2:30pm

The FPCE Mission Committee invites you to save the date and join us for Poverty 101, an important and exciting learning opportunity that will change the way you think about poverty and homelessness in our community.

The staff of the Everett Gospel Mission will lead and inspire us in this foundational class consisting of interactive exercises and conversational learning, encouraging us to better understand the unique challenges of long-term poverty.

This class will also bring a greater self-awareness of how our own experiences have shaped our understanding of poverty and our thinking about those individuals and families living in poverty.

We'll also explore what the Bible says about poverty, how God defines poverty, and how we as a church can engage with our neighbors that are experiencing poverty.

You will laugh, be moved, inspired, perhaps confronted, and maybe even angered, but at the end of this class you will definitely be changed in some way.

Poverty 101 will be held here at FPCE at no cost, with lunch provided.

You can register now at the Everett Gospel Mission website, <https://egmission.org/poverty101/>, or you can look for sign-ups here at church in September during coffee hour.

If you have questions, please contact Judy Hammond at 425-879-1228 or stevejudyhammond@gmail.com.



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